
P R E F A C E

The purpose of this publication is to provide light forces fire support officers and enlisted personnel at maneuver company, battalion, and brigade with a how-to manual. It focuses on fire support officers (FSOs) in light infantry, airborne infantry, air assault infantry, and infantry at brigade and below.

This publication describes maneuver techniques and fire support considerations at maneuver brigade and below. It establishes responsibilities and duties of key personnel by focusing on how the fire support system can support the ground-gaining arms. This manual is not a substitute for doctrinal literature. Maneuver and fire support doctrine should be studied in depth to obtain a complete understanding of doctrine, tactics, and techniques. That basic understanding is a must in order to effectively apply the contents of this how-to manual.

The manual is fully compatible with the Army's AirLand Battle doctrine and is consistent with current joint and combined doctrine. It assumes that the user has a fundamental understanding of the fire support principles set forth in FM 6-20.

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Ž 2014/506 Operation Orders, Annexes to Operation Orders, and Administrative and Logistics Orders

- 2031/515 Proforma for Artillery Fire plan

- 2082 Relief of Combat Troops

Ž 2099/531 Fire Coordination in Support of Land Forces

Ž 2147/221 Target Numbering System (Nonnuclear)

- 2887/217 Tactical Tasks and Responsibilities for Control of Artillery

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